



The Sawnee Highliner

We're More Than Electricity, We're Service.

Is Your Air Conditioner Ready for Summer?

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Warmer weather is here and those hot summer days are not far behind. Is your air conditioner ready for the summer? If you're not sure, here are a few simple tips to help keep your unit running as efficiently as possible:

- Provide good air flow to outdoor cooling equipment. Your air conditioner depends on large quantities of flowing air in order to operate properly. Check to see if your unit is clear of all bushes, grass, leaves and other debris. Provide at least two (2) feet of clearance on all sides of the equipment and five (5) feet at the top to insure proper ventilation.
- Keep the condensing coils clean. These coils should be cleaned every year.
- Operate the cooling equipment wisely. To get the most out of your air conditioner and to save money, you should operate it efficiently. We recommend keeping your thermostat at 78 degrees during the summer months.
- Change the filters regularly. Dirty air filters can restrict the flow of air through your system and reduce its overall efficiency as well as contribute to other problems.
- Make sure the cooling equipment is properly sized. Units that are too large tend to cycle "on" and "off" quickly and cannot operate long enough to remove moisture from the air, resulting in high humidity levels inside the home. Remember, comfort is a function of both temperature and humidity.

REBATE INFORMATION!

NEW! Sawnee EMC now offers a rebate for an HVAC Tune Up. If you get a standard HVAC tune up to your system(s), you could be eligible for a rebate of ½ of the cost, up to \$25 per system. Please contact our Energy Services Department or visit our Energy Center online at www.sawnee.com/energy for full details!

By following these five (5) simple tips now, you can improve the efficiency of your air conditioner and lower your cooling bills no matter what the weather is this summer. Feel free to contact our Energy Service staff if you have questions about your home HVAC system at (770) 887-2363 or via email at marketing@sawnee.com.

Make Money, Save Energy - Get the Switch!

Have you signed up for a Sawnee EMC Load Management switch to be installed on your heat pump or air conditioner? If not, now is a great time to do so! If you make your request before June 1, 2010, you will be entitled to receive the monthly credits on your billing statements this summer...no matter when we install the switch.

This switch is only operated during times of peak demand for electricity and then it only interrupts the control circuit of the outside unit for about 7 minutes during a 30-minute period. When thousands of these switches operate at the same time, the savings can be substantial. It can save you money and helps to keep our rates lower...and that helps everyone!

Now, let's talk about the incentive. This year, you will receive a total credit of \$36.00 for EACH Load Management switch that you have installed at your

home. This credit will be applied in \$12 increments on your June, July and August billing statements. This means that if you have two (2) Load Management switches installed at your home, you will receive a \$24 credit on your electric bill in June, July and August for a total credit of \$72.00!!!

So, what are you waiting for? Sign up today and don't miss out! Contact our Customer Service Call Center at (770) 887-2363 or sign up online at www.sawnee.com.

How does the Load Management switch work?

Load Management switches are used to reduce the overall demand for electricity during peak times. Participants in the Load Management program allow Sawnee EMC to install a radio-controlled switch, free of charge, on your air conditioner or heat pump.



Do You Have Natural Gas?

Residential or Commercial...Coweta-Fayette and Sawnee EMC can meet all of your natural gas needs!

If the answer is yes ... then do yourself a big favor and make the switch to Coweta-Fayette EMC Natural Gas.

Coweta-Fayette EMC Natural Gas is a premier natural gas marketer with business roots that consistently ranks them among the best in overall customer service and they have some of the lowest rates in the state!

Coweta-Fayette EMC Natural Gas also offers several convenient billing and payment options and simple, easy to understand monthly bills.

If you are a business owner and use natural gas, then this great deal applies to you too. All Sawnee EMC members, residential **and commercial**, are eligible to switch to Coweta-Fayette EMC Natural Gas.

What are you waiting for?

Sign up today! It's easy, simply contact Sawnee's Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363 and a friendly and helpful representative will gladly assist you.

Did You Know?

Sawnee EMC created a unique marketing relationship with Coweta-Fayette EMC Natural Gas in 2007 and since that time, over 10,000 Sawnee members have enjoyed friendly customer service and great natural gas prices from a name they know and trust.

You can sign up online or request additional information at www.cfemcnaturalgas.com.

Think Before You Plant...

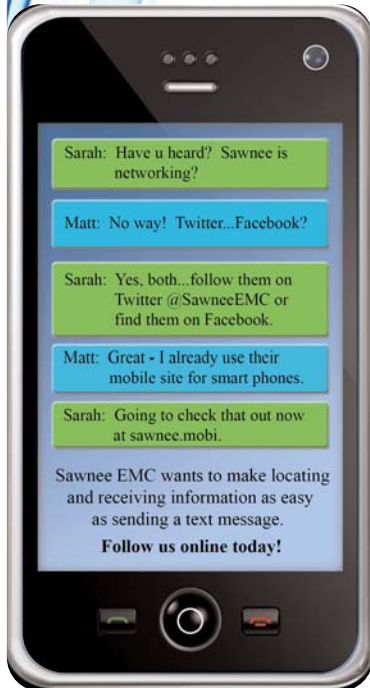
While you may have already gotten a jump start on your yard work this season, you may still have some uncompleted landscaping projects. If you are going to be planting new shrubs or trees this year, keep these tips in mind when selecting that "just right spot" in your yard:

- Digging without having utility lines located is not only illegal in Georgia but it can also be dangerous.
- Plant trees and large shrubs well away from overhead and underground power lines to avoid future safety and outage problems.
- Small trees and shrubs (such as crepe myrtles, burford hollies and dogwoods) should be planted at least 20 feet away from overhead power lines.
- Medium trees (such as Bradford pears and cherry trees) should be planted 30 feet from overhead lines.
- Large trees (such as oaks, maples and pines) should be planted more than 50 feet from overhead power lines.
- Don't plant shrubs and bushes close to transformers or other pad mounted equipment.
- Plants that are too close to pad mounted equipment prevents easy access during outage situations and when we perform routine maintenance procedures as well as they could create a potential safety hazard.

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE 411 ON 811!

Call the new Georgia 811 (formerly known as the Utilities Protection Center) at 811 or 1-800-282-7411 to have all underground utilities marked before you begin digging.

Keep all of these tips in mind when deciding what to plant this spring and summer.





Quotable Quote

“It takes a long time to grow an old friend.”

John Leonard

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Operation Round Up Gives Back



Your pennies continue to add up through Sawnee EMC Foundation’s Operation Round Up program. The Foundation continues to help local charities and schools in Sawnee EMC’s service area. Haven’t contributed to “Operation Round Up” yet? Please consider supporting it on this month’s energy bill. Just check the box and you are a part of over 22,000 SEMC members that “voluntarily” support local charities.

Take a look at how the Sawnee EMC Foundation and “Operation Round Up” program has helped recently:

- **Habitat for Humanity** - To purchase building materials for two (2) Habitat homes in north Fulton County.
- **Cherokee Friends of Recovery** - To assist program participants with portable drug testing equipment.
- **SEEK Ministries** - To purchase a laptop computer and expand an outdoor exercise course for their day camp.
- **EnAble** - To contribute toward a conversion wheelchair van for their group home.

Supporting Bright Ideas

Did you know that the Sawnee Foundation and Operation Round Up Program also provides assistance to educators in Sawnee’s territory? It’s true...this funding is made possible through the Foundation’s Bright Ideas Program.

Sawnee EMC Foundation also supports local schools through the “Bright Ideas” program. The Bright Ideas program allows teachers to apply for grants for school projects that would otherwise go unfunded. If you are a teacher and have a creative project that you need assistance with, please be sure to visit our Web site at www.sawnee.com/round_up for additional details.

Thank you for your support. For additional details on this program or to sign up, please contact our Customer Service Call Center at 770-887-2363 or via email at customerservice@sawnee.com.

HERE’S WATTS COOKIN’

Tomato Bisque

- 1 - 27 oz. jar tomato basil spaghetti sauce
- 1 - 14.5 oz. can diced tomatoes seasoned with basil, garlic and oregano
- 1 - 14.5 can reduced sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup fat free half and half
- 1 tsp. cornstarch



Combine the sauce, tomatoes and broth in a large pot over medium-high heat and bring to a boil. Whisk the half and half and cornstarch together in a small bowl and then add to the boiling soup mixture. Simmer until the soup thickens slightly. Makes 6 servings.

Thanks to Wendy Spota. Send us your recipe - if we print it, we’ll credit your account \$5.00.